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EDITORIAL** *Gary Roser, Editor*

I couldn't go to the Extraordinary Congress as I am not a Delegate. Ron & Ian Muirhead went. Did you watch it on the internet? I did. 3 hours of diatribe from the RSLNSW President (mainly) the NSW Treasurer and a lawyer working for RSLNSW. All espousing the benefits of the new draft constitution.

What cheeses me off is the fact that RSLNSW put out a first draft of a Constitution which was commented upon by many sub-Branchees and individuals recommending changes. Did they listen? The answer was NO. Oh they realised that the money that they were going to steal off us to run RSLNSW was not going to work so they took that out,

As I said, 3 hours of trying to convince the Delegates to vote yes was a waste of time. District and sub-Branch Delegates were told by the Members how they were told to vote. Mr. James Brown's mouth nearly hit the floor when it was resoundingly defeated.

Listen to the Members Mr. Brown. We must have our say!

***The editorial is entirely my own opinion and does not reflect the Sub-Branch Executive.*

Sub-Branch Meetings	
<u>Committee</u> Mondays 5.00pm	<u>Sub-Branch</u> Sundays 10:30am
No meeting	20 th January 2019
18 th February 2019	24 th February 2019 AGM - 9:30am
18 th March 2019	24 th March 2019
15 th April 2019	No Meeting
Thursday, 25 th April 2019 @ 5.30am ANZAC Day Dawn Service	
Sunday, 28 th April 2019 @ 11.30am ANZAC Luncheon	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Happy new year to all. I hope that you have enjoyed your Christmas break and are ready for another full year.

Quite a bit has happened since our last newsletter, mostly all in December.

We attend a number of Christmas functions at other sub-Branches and were made most welcome.

The Trustees attend Ethinvest's luncheon and seminar. We learnt how the last year unfolded and what is expected for this year. From what I understand is that there will be little changes coming along in 2019.

We attend all our Schools Presentation Days and the Committee were stretched pretty thin on some days. All the school made us most welcome and were appreciative in what we do for them.

On Friday, 7th December, Ian Kennedy and I attended Pearl Harbour Day at Bankstown. A good Ceremony, hosted by Bankstown sub-Branch and Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

The Women's Auxiliary finished with a Christmas Party and their last bus trip for the year. Next bus trip will be in February.

I finished the year with an invitation to attend Moorebank Squadron, Australian Air League annual Presentation Night where I assisted with presenting the Cadets with a number of awards.

We finished the year on a sad note with the passing of Ted Jackson on Christmas Day. Ted attended nearly every meeting over many years until his health stopped him coming about 12 months ago. His funeral was held on Friday, 4th January and was well attend by members. Thank you to all who attend or sent their apologies. I know his wife, Lore and his family appreciated your thoughts.

Our Audit has been done for last year and we await the results. State Branch has required us to change our system again, this time not so dramatically as last year. The main change is the removal of the charity tier system.

Lets hope that this year will be even better than the last.

Ron Duckworth, President

JULIE ANDREWS

To commemorate her 69th birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP.

One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favourite Things" from the legendary movie "Sound Of Music." Here are the lyrics she used:

**Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.**

**Cadillac and cataracts ,and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.**

**When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.**

**Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.**

**Back pains, confused brains, and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.**

**When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
The eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.**

Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



We start 2019 at a very slow pace. Christmas became a sad event when we lost a good friend of the sub-Branch, Ted Jackson. He will be sorely missed.

We start this year with no Committee Meeting and straight into our General Meeting on the 20th January. The reason being that the usual 4th Sunday would be the Australia Day long weekend. We can't have that because there are some members who like to get away on long week ends.

After the demise of RSLNSW's new constitution being defeated in December 2018, we won't be changing anything in the way we do things, other than we have to pull our reins in when assessing the Benevolent Fund payouts. Basically the family of the deceased have to be destitute to receive any handouts. I know, it's not the way the RSL used to do it, but the Australian Charities Not For Profits Commission (ACNC) have changed our way of conducting business. I speak of this again because I want you to let your family know that there will be no handout when you pass away unless destitute.

The Annual General Meeting is being held in February this year and there will be two things asked. Firstly we need a Vice President which is vacant after Kevin Mahony passed away. Secondly a volunteer to take on the School Liaison Officer job which look after anything that deals with schools. The Kokoda Track Memorial visits by each year 6 kid and the Annual School Presentations. Additionally the School ANZAC services liaison. It is a fair bit of work, but very rewarding.

Going back to the Constitutional crisis, I hope they get their act together soon and allow fund raising to occur again. Did you know that no sub-Branch or Auxiliary is allowed to fund raise yet? Imagine how the smaller sub-Branches are existing.

Gary Roser J.P.

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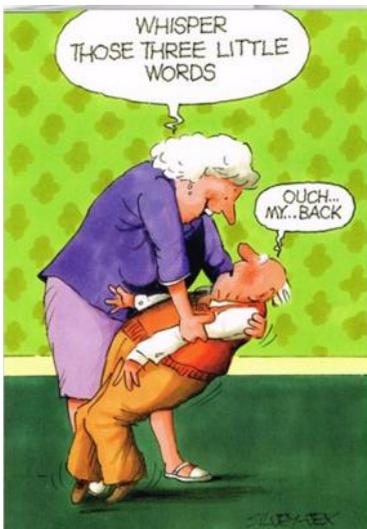
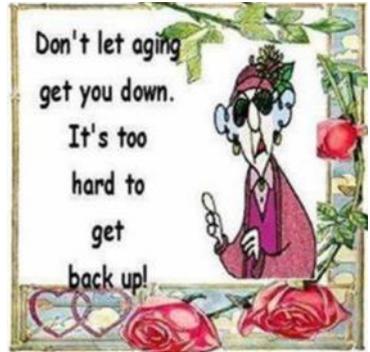
You Know When Your Over the Hill When.....

Does anybody remember hearing,
"Keep crying and i'll give you
something to cry about."
In their childhood?



I'M GREAT AT MULTITASKING.
I CAN LISTEN,
IGNORE, AND FORGET
ALL AT ONCE.

Sometimes
getting out
of bed just
ruins the
whole day •



Did You Know?

$$\left[f^{-1}(x) \right]' = \frac{1}{f'(y)}$$

Maths Magic: Just try it.
"259 x your Age x 39 = ?"
You will get an interesting result.



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"Mommy, Herman said he'd love you to come for the weekend."



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"I told her, the day I do the dishes is the day the sky falls in."



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"There! Aren't you glad I made you wear your seat belt?"



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"I warned you about pulling out gray hairs."

Yes officer, I did see the 'speed limit' sign, I just didn't see you.

Olive May (Kelso) King

<https://sites.google.com/site/archoevidence/home/www1australianwomen/kelso>

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/king-olive-may-6962>

Sergeant Olive May (Kelso) King

*An Australian woman who served in
the Serbian Army, & French Red
Cross, Scottish Women's Hospital
& Allies Ambulance corps*



Olive May King (1885-1958), ambulance driver, was born on 30th June 1885 at Croydon, Sydney, youngest daughter of Sir (G.) Kelso King and his first wife Irene Isabella, née Rand. Educated at home, at Sydney Church of England Grammar School for Girls and in Germany, she travelled widely and had a taste for adventure. In 1910, with three male companions, she climbed Mount Popocatepetl in Mexico.

On a visit to England when World War I broke out, Olive King supplied her own vehicle and went to Belgium as a driver with a volunteer field ambulance service. The organizers were suspected of spying and returned hastily to England, leaving her and two other drivers to be arrested; they were released just in time to escape the invading German army. She then joined the Scottish Women's Hospitals for Foreign Service and went to France in spring 1915 with the Girton and Newnham Unit. After some six months the unit was sent to Serbia.

They landed at Salonika, Greece, on 3rd November and moved up to Gevgelija on the Greco-Serbian border where they established a hospital. After six weeks they were forced to dismantle it hurriedly before the advancing enemy. The three women drivers were left behind when the medical and nursing staff were evacuated but managed to get themselves and their vehicles on to the last train just before the station was bombed.

With Serbia occupied by the enemy, allied forces regrouped at Salonika where Olive King remained until 1918. In 1916 she joined the Serbian Army as a driver attached to medical headquarters. She mastered their difficult language and lived in a hut made from an aeroplane case. For a time her large ambulance was the only vehicle available to transport hospital stores, take equipment and reinforcements to the front line twelve miles away and return with patients. She made many such journeys over hazardous roads and was promoted sergeant in April 1917. In August when fire destroyed much of Salonika, she drove for twenty hours at a

stretch, often in danger, transporting civilians, medical personnel, patients and hospital records to safety. For this she was awarded the Serbian silver medal for bravery; a year later she received the gold medal for zealous conduct.

Long distressed at the plight of Serbian soldiers, Olive King appealed to her father for money to set up canteens. The committee he formed quickly raised £10,000; she administered the first Australian-Serbian canteen in devastated Belgrade late in 1918 and opened seventeen canteens to sell food, blankets, clothing and other necessities at cost price or below. Obtaining and transporting supplies presented great problems, for the railway system was in chaos, many roads were impassable and bridges destroyed. Often she slept on top of the stores in railway trucks, lorries and wagons to fend off marauding thieves. The last canteen closed in June 1920. For this work Olive King was awarded the Samaritan Cross and the cross of the Order of St Sava, personally bestowed upon her by King Alexander. She returned to Belgrade in 1922 as a special guest at his wedding.

Back in Sydney in 1920, Olive King was active in the Girl Guides' Association of which she was State secretary in 1925-32 and assistant State commissioner in 1932-42. She received King George V's silver jubilee (1935) and George VI's coronation (1937) medals. During World War II she studied inspection at a Commonwealth government aircraft school and was an examiner at de Havilland Aircraft Pty Ltd in 1942-44.

Physically energetic, she particularly enjoyed ice skating, tennis and surfing. She wrote verse and short stories prolifically, but published little; as a hobby she took up bookbinding in leather. She was devoted to her father and family. Moving to Melbourne in 1956, she died there on 1st November 1958 and was cremated.

Medals Awarded:

- 1914/15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal
- Edward VII Coronation
- Cross of the Order of St Sava.
- Serbian Silver Medal for Bravery
- Gold Medal for Zealous Conduct (Serbia)
- Samaritan Cross (Serbia)

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Olive May (Kelso) King, in the uniform of an ambulance driver, Scottish Women's Hospital.

Robert Alexander Little (1895–1918)

by J.C. Little

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/little-robert-alexander-7207>



Robert Alexander Little (1895-1918), World War I fighter ace, was born on 19 July 1895 at Hawthorn, Melbourne, son of James Little, bookseller and importer of medical and surgical works, and his Victorian wife Susan, formerly Smith, née Solomon. He was educated at Scotch College and later joined the family business as a commercial traveller, living with his parents at Windsor. Rejected with hundreds of others for the four vacancies at Point Cook Military Flying School, he sailed for England in July 1915, at his own expense. He paid for his flying training at Hendon where he gained his flying certificate (No.1958 Royal Aero Club) on 27th October. He entered the Royal

Naval Air Service as a probationary temporary sub-lieutenant on 14th January 1916.

Posted to the relatively inactive war flight at Dover, Kent, Little suffered eye and stomach trouble in the air. He married Vera Gertrude Field at the Congregational Church, Dover, on 16th September 1916. Posting to No.1 Wing at Dunkirk, France, in June had brought action at last—against the submarine base at Zeebrugge, Belgium. His physical troubles disappeared with the change to aircraft which did not spray him with castor oil and he quickly established a favourable reputation. The Somme offensive of the second half of 1916 imposed such strain on the Royal Flying Corps that the Admiralty created new R.N.A.S. Squadrons for service on the Western Front. In October Little was transferred to the new No.8 Squadron, 'Naval 8', equipped with Sopwith Pups. His plane, N5182, rebuilt, is now on display at the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon. On 1st November he scored his first aerial victory and by March 1917 was credited with nine enemy aircraft shot down; he was promoted flight lieutenant in April.

In 'Bloody April' the R.F.C. suffered appalling casualties while the three naval squadrons (1,3 & 8), re-equipped with formidable new Sopwith Triplanes, were given a wide berth by the enemy. In April-July, Flight Lieutenant Little really showed his mettle, mainly in N5493 'Blymp', streaming the cardinal, gold and blue of Scotch College. 'Blymp' became the affectionate nickname of his infant son, while Little himself became 'Rikki' to the squadron, after Kipling's mongoose Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, the deadly cobra-killer. By early August 1917, when he was posted to Walmer on the Kent coast for a period of rest, he had destroyed thirty-seven enemy aircraft and damaged many more. He had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, the Distinguished Service Cross and Bar and the Croix de Guerre; in September he received a Bar to the D.S.O.; in December he was mentioned in dispatches and he was promoted flight commander in January 1918.

Paradoxically, Little was a clumsy flyer with a record of crash landings, but in aerial combat his brilliance derived from a combination of fearless aggression, quite exceptional eyesight, superb marksmanship and close-range firing. His armourers calculated that he fired an average of forty-four rounds per aerial victory. The audacity with which he would, single-handed, attack large enemy formations brought the advantage of surprise. Twice he actually struck enemy aircraft in his eagerness to close the range. He was of average height, stocky and athletic in build. Likeable and friendly with a strong sense of fun, he was a great talker. He devoted much time on the ground to rifle and pistol practice at moving targets. In the air he was a brilliant loner rather than a leader.

At Walmer Little was able to enjoy a settled period of family life but in March 1918 he declined a desk job and volunteered to return to France where as flight commander with 'Naval 3' he flew Sopwith Camel B6318. Soon afterwards the R.F.C. and R.N.A.S. amalgamated as the Royal Air Force and he became Captain Little of 203 Squadron. The end came on the night of 27 May when he went up alone from Ezil le Hamel to intercept enemy bombers in the dark. Fatally wounded in the groin, he crashed near Norviz where he was found next morning. He was buried in the village cemetery at Norviz and subsequently in Wavans British cemetery, France. He was 22. Conforming to his wish, his widow brought their infant son to grow up in Australia.

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Little is officially credited with a tally of 47 enemy planes brought down. He is Australia's World War I ace of aces: the next officially recognized 'victories' of Australians were 39 by his friend Major R. S. Dallas and 29 by Captain A. H. Cobby. Little ranks eighth of all British Commonwealth aces, and fourteenth of all aces from both sides of the conflict. Major (Air Vice Marshal) R. R. Collishaw, his commanding officer in 'Naval 3', wrote of him: 'Little had an outstanding character. Bold, aggressive and courageous yet he was gentle and kindly ... his example was a tribute to the high standards of Australian manhood'.

Until very recently the achievements of Little and Dallas were neglected in their native Australia, only those who served in Australian forces being afforded official recognition, an anomaly now being rectified.

Photographs, medals and mementoes of R. A. Little are held by the Australian War Memorial.

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Damien Peter Parer (1912–1944)

By Neil McDonald

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/parer-damien-peter-11339>



*Copywrite
Adrien after WW2. | Combat Camera*

Damien Peter Parer (1912-1944), war photographer and cameraman, was born on 1st August 1912 at Malvern, Melbourne, youngest of eight children of John Arthur Parer, an hotelkeeper from Spain, and his Victorian-born wife Teresa, née Carolin. Damien attended Loreto convent school, Portland, St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, New South Wales (1923-29), and St Kevin's College, Toorak, Melbourne (1929-30). He was apprenticed as a photographer, briefly to Spencer Shier and then to Arthur Dickinson with whom he completed his articles in 1933. Following a spell of freelance work and a period when he was unemployed, he was hired by Charles Chauvel as a camera-assistant in the making

of the film, *Heritage* (1935).

At Chauvel's instigation, National Studios Ltd, Sydney, engaged Parer for the shooting of *Uncivilised* (1936), *The Flying Doctor* (1936) and *Rangle River* (1936). Chauvel also hired him for the filming of *Forty Thousand Horsemen* (1940).

Between feature films, Parer made 'home movies' and documentaries, and worked as a studio photographer. His employers included Max Dupain, who was then married to another photographer Olive Cotton; the couple became his friends and collaborators. In late 1938 Parer directed the photography of the short film, *This Place Australia*, which depicted (in two parts) poems by Henry Lawson and Banjo Paterson. Although the film's camera-work revealed the influence of the cinematographers Tasman and Arthur Higgins, and Errol Hind, Parer was at his most original and impressive when adapting the styles of Australian still-photographers to motion pictures: Dupain's cityscapes were models for his sequences showing Sydney, and the pictorialists' use of the Australian light in landscape compositions influenced the way he filmed the Blue Mountains.

In January 1940 Parer, by then a photographer with the Commonwealth Department of Information, sailed for the Middle East with elements of the Australian Imperial Force. From the gunboat, H.M.S. *Ladybird*, he filmed the bombardment of Bardia, Libya, on 2nd January 1941. With Frank Hurley, he covered the Australian assault on Tobruk on 21-22 January. Three days later he accompanied 'C' Company, 2nd/11th Battalion, in its attack on the aerodrome at Derna, and shot his first film of infantry advancing under fire. Parer took some stills but mainly motion pictures of the Greek (April) and Syrian (June-July) campaigns, and the siege of Tobruk (April-December). While flying with the Australian crew of a Royal Air Force Blenheim bomber he filmed an air-raid. Although dissatisfied with his efforts, he established himself as the outstanding cameraman in the Middle East. His work was seen in newsreels and his name became well known.

When Japan entered World War II Parer returned to Australia. After covering operations by Kanga Force around Wau and Salamaua, New Guinea, in 1942, he filmed the Australian withdrawal along the Kokoda Track in Papua. On 18th September Cinesound Productions Ltd released the newsreel, *Kokoda Front Line*, which used his footage. Introduced by Parer, the film and commentary brought home to Australians the realities of the war in the Pacific. The United States of America's Academy of

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Motion Picture Arts and Sciences commended the work in 1943 'for distinctive achievement in documentary production' and later awarded an Oscar to its producer Ken Hall.

In 1943 Parer's footage was used in the Cinesound newsreels, *Men of Timor*, *The Bismarck Convoy Smashed* and—arguably his finest work—*Assault on Salamaua*. Disgruntled with his salary and allowances, and convinced that the Department of Information had victimized his colleagues George Silk and Alan Anderson, he resigned in August and joined Paramount News. Thereafter he covered American operations. At St Mary's Catholic Church, North Sydney, on 23rd March 1944 he married Elizabeth Marie Cotter, a 22-year-old clerk. On 17th September that year, the second day of the invasion of Peleliu Island in the Palau group, Parer was killed by a Japanese machine-gunner; he was reported to have been walking backwards behind a tank to capture the expression in soldiers' eyes as they went into action. He was buried in Ambon war cemetery and mentioned in dispatches. His wife survived him; their son was born in the following year.

Parer was more than a combat cameraman and propagandist. His films were narratives about the human situation. They reflected his wide reading in the theory of cinema, especially the ideas of John Grierson. Parer's record of the everyday lives of servicemen anticipated the *cinéma-vérité* style of documentary. His images of a caped soldier crossing a stream, and of a Salvation Army officer lighting a cigarette for a wounded digger (framed like a Renaissance altar painting), became part of the Anzac legend. Parer was a self-effacing man and a devout Catholic. Osmar White described him as 'long, stooped, black-headed, sallow-faced, smiling', and remembered his infectious, 'bubbling bass hoot' of a laugh. An exhibition of Parer's photography, *Still Action*, sponsored by the Orange Regional Art Gallery and the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, toured Australia in 1997-99.

Don't Mess With Grandma!

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top her voice, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car..!!!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her bags into the back of the car and got into driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station .

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

If you're going to have a Senior Moment, make it a memorable one!



**IF THERE'S A BAR WHERE EVERYBODY
KNOWS YOUR NAME**

YOU'RE PROBABLY AN ALCOHOLIC

Humour about marriage

Wife: 'What are you doing?'

Husband: Nothing.

Wife: 'Nothing? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.'

Husband: 'I was looking for the **expiry date.**'

Wife: 'Do you want dinner?'

Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?'

Wife: 'Yes or No.'

Wife: 'You always carry my photo in your wallet. Why dear?'

Hubby: 'When there is a problem, no matter how great, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.'

Wife: 'You see how miraculous and powerful I am for you.'

Hubby: 'Yes! I see your picture and ask myself what other problem can there be greater than this one?'

Stress Reliever

Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.'

Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well that's because we aren't married yet.'

Son: 'Mum, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady.'

Mom: 'Well, you have done the right thing.'

Son: 'But mum, I was sitting on daddy's lap.'

A newly married man asked his wife, 'Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?'

'Honey,' the woman replied sweetly, 'I'd have married you, no matter WHO left you a fortune!'

Girl to her boyfriend: One kiss and I'll be yours forever.

The guy replies: 'Thanks for the early warning.'

A wife asked her husband: 'What do you like most in me, my pretty face or my sexy body?'

He looked at her from head to toe and replied: 'I like your sense of humour!'

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

The Following articles appeared in the Navy, Army and RAAF Newspapers & Media Releases

www.defence.gov.au/news/navynews,

www.defence.gov.au/news/armynews

www.defence.gov.au/news/raafnews

NAVY

Naval Police on ops in the North Operation RESOLUTE

Naval Police Coxswains (NPC) are gaining valuable operational experience early in their careers serving as members of the joint-enabled Transit Security Element (TSE).

TSEs are made up of regular and reserve Army members and Navy personnel who embark in Armidale Class Patrol Boats deployed on Operation RESOLUTE – the ADF’s contribution to the whole-of-Government effort to protect Australia's borders and offshore maritime interests.

As NPCs move towards working in a joint environment, practical exposure to tri-service training and operations provides an invaluable experience to members, particularly early on in their career. A posting to a TSE rotation embeds junior NPCs within teams for a period of six months on Operation RESOLUTE. This includes force-preparation at HMAS Cerberus and operation within the patrol boat fleet out of Darwin and Cairns.

“The NPC sailors contribute a range of valuable Navy skills and ideas to each joint element.

“They are also afforded the opportunity to broaden their own set of qualifications and experience an operational deployment,” Lieutenant Thams said.

Serving in a TSE rotation provides an opportunity to leverage and build on the skill-set developed over the Service Police course.

There is a strong nexus in duties, particularly with regard to practical defensive techniques, searching of vessels, collection and recording of evidence and detainee management.

The high proportion of Army combat corps personnel in the rotation also ensures there is a strong focus on live-fire combat shooting training

*TSE 90 Watch
Command member,
Army Lieutenant
William Thams said
NPCs embedding
in TSE rotations
is a win-win.*



whilst ashore. This enables NPCs to return to their units with a very high degree of sidearm and rifle proficiency, an important skill to any policing, armed security warden or future boarding party role.

At sea, Navy members assist their team mates in green in settling in to Navy life including familiarisation of customs and traditions, and damage control. Patrol boat crews are also extremely welcoming, providing the opportunity for the junior NPC to understudy the boat's Petty Officer NPC as well as becoming qualified on the platform and helm.

Serving Navy NPCs interested in volunteering for a TSE rotation should express this to their career manager. For personnel interested in transferring to Naval Police Coxswain, questions should be directed to their ship or local NPC detachment



Army Museum Duntroon



Uniforms and accoutrements are displayed at the Army History Unit's newest museum, Army Museum Duntroon, in Canberra, which was officially opened on 5 December, 2018.

Army History Unit's newest museum, Army Museum Duntroon, was officially opened at Royal Military College-Duntroon in Canberra by Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Rick Burr, AO, DSC, MVO on 5 December, 2018.

Museum Manager, Major David Bucholtz, and Museum Curator, Paul Mitrovich, gave Lieutenant-General Rick Burr a private tour of the museum before the official opening which was attended by dozens of serving and former members of the Corps of Staff Cadets.

Army Museum Duntroon is dedicated to more than just the story of the Royal Military College.

The museum tells the broader story of how the Australian Army has developed and moulded generations of Army's leaders, not just at Duntroon, but also at Officer Cadet School, Portsea, Officer Training Unit, Scheyville, and the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Officer Cadet School at Mildura, and later at Georges Heights.

Operation HIGHROAD

Australian troops deployed to the Middle East region have sent Christmas messages home to family and friends in Australia.

There will be more than 1,500 Australian service men and women serving on operations in the Middle East region this Christmas, including on Operation Highroad in Afghanistan, Operation Okra in Iraq, Operation Manitou in the waters off the Middle East and North Africa region and Operation Accordion in the Middle East region.



Australian Army officer Lieutenant Colonel Alex Loo of the Kabul Garrison Command Advisory Team, is deployed to Afghanistan on Operation Highroad over Christmas 2018.

Exercise Hamel 2016

An Australian Army soldier from 2nd Commando Regiment sets up a mortar after assaulting, clearing and securing Whyalla airport in South Australia in the early hours of 28 June 2016 as part of the Exercise Hamel 2016 training scenario.



F-35A in Arizona

Lockheed Martin and Royal Australian Air Force maintenance personnel prepare to tow an Australian F-35A aircraft during a sudden dust storm at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, USA.

Royal Australian Air Force pilots and maintenance personnel are embedded within United States Air Force units and partnering with Lockheed Martin to prepare for the introduction of Australia's first fifth-generation air combat capability. They will bring home Australia's first two F-35As in December 2018.

The F-35A Joint Strike Fighter is the most advanced, affordable fifth generation multi-role stealth fighter to meet Australia's need to defeat emerging threats well into the future. The F-35A is truly next-generation due to its stealth capability, advanced sensors, data fusion and its ability to share information with other aircraft, Army units and Navy ships. The Australian Government has approved the purchase of 72 F-35A aircraft to replace F/A-18A/B Hornets. Royal Australian Air Force pilots and maintenance personnel are fully embedded and integrated in USAF squadrons as they prepare to lead Australia's transition to a fifth-generation Air Force.

Operation RESOLUTE

A Royal Australian Air Force P-8A Poseidon from No. 11 Squadron takes off from RAAF Base Learmonth during Operation Resolute.



The Australian Defence Force provides surveillance and response assets as part of the Australian Government's ongoing efforts to protect its borders and offshore maritime interests.

Two Royal Australian Air Force No.35 Squadron C-27J Spartan aircraft recently undertook patrols as part of Operation Resolute.

Operation Resolute is the Australian Defence Force contribution to the whole of Government effort to protect Australia's borders and maritime interests, known as Operation Sovereign Borders.

Defence assets assigned to the operation protect Australia from security threats including illegal maritime arrivals, piracy, compromise to bio-security, maritime terrorism and marine pollution.

At any given time, up to 600 Australian Defence Force personnel at sea, in the air and on land, are working to protect Australia's borders and maritime interests alongside the Australian Border Force and other government agencies.

Maritime Border Command - a multi-agency taskforce within the Australian Border Force - commands the Defence assets as part of the whole of government effort.

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